

A Greater Seaside Park for Mothers and Children of the Poor



Women and Children Sleeping on the Beach at Coney on a Hot July Night. (Taken from an Actual Photograph.)

GREATER SEASIDE PARK PLAN OF EVENING WORLD FINDS STRONG ADVOCATES

Almost a Vital Necessity to 90 Per Cent. of City's Population, Says Ex-Commissioner Young.

The rich can take their families to their country homes for the hot season, but the great masses of the poor—fully 90 per cent. of the total population of the Greater City—must have free, fresh air within the zone of a five-cent fare. The Evening World's plan that the city acquire the 1,000 feet of beach cleared of buildings by the recent Coney Island fire would provide the people of the whole city with a summertime refuge from the stifling heat of the crowded sections.

The acquisition of this small burned area should be an initial step in the direction of reclaiming the beaches at Coney Island for the people," said former Park Commissioner Richard Young of Brooklyn, who, backed by The Evening World in 1902, opened Seaside Park. Mr. Young, a business man, familiar with the great beaches of the entire world from personal observation, declared to-day that properly developed Coney Island could be made into an ideal all-the-year-round resort, such as Atlantic City, patronized winter and summer by visitors.

"The city ought to buy all of the land from West Fifth street to Sea Gate between Surf avenue and the sea," he said. "The Evening World proposed the purchase by the city of Steeplechase Park after its destruction by fire in 1907, and had that been done the city would have gone a long way toward securing a stretch of beach about two miles in length and varying in width from 600 to 1,800 feet. Only criminal stupidity on the part of public officials, and I am putting it rather mildly at that, has stood between the poor of New York and the realization of their dream for a proper place to spend their summer." **MEANS MUCH FOR HEALTH OF WHOLE CITY.**

"If the present members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment neglect this opportunity to acquire a fine piece

of property easily accessible from all parts of the city they will regret it as long as they live. Only a narrow-minded official would seek to defeat the extension of the city's beach property with the cry that the money needed must go for more schools. Healthy children first and then schools to educate them. I have served in the Board of Education for a number of years and I cannot believe that any man with the interest of the city at heart will seriously oppose more free fresh air for the people at Coney Island.

"Nor can the city make a better investment with respect to municipal hospitals than by first providing seashore parks in order to keep the people well. Coney Island is an hour's ride from Harlem and the Bronx and thirty or forty minutes from the lower end of Manhattan. Brooklyn and the crowded Brownsville section is within a short ride of this nearest strip of fine ocean beach.

"Under the proposed new subway development a five-cent fare from all parts of the city to Coney Island is probable. Why in the name of common sense cannot Seaside Park be enlarged? It would be the greatest blessing the present city administration could bestow upon the whole people.

"The beach at Coney Island should be absolutely free for the people, with ample bathing pavilions provided, where suits could be obtained at a nominal cost. Borough President Steers of Brooklyn has made a move in the right direction by installing municipal baths at Coney Island. There is no reason why New York should not have an ocean park there such as Boston has in Revere Beach, especially when the burned area directly adjoins the property already owned by the city.

ROOM FOR AMUSEMENTS ABOVE SURF AVENUE.

"The upper side of Surf avenue should be reserved for amusements. There is ample room here on the uplands for all the amusements needed in years to come. The reclaiming of the beach for the people would greatly lift the tone of Coney Island. An altogether better class of hotels would be built there, and there is no reason in the world why it should not become an all-year-around resort like Atlantic City. Some day, perhaps, public officials will awaken to the importance of providing New York with an ocean park such as its location on the Atlantic seaboard deserves."

"Thanks to the agitation set on foot by this newspaper, the movement is gaining ground steadily, not only among members of the Board of Aldermen, but among those who five years ago eagerly advocated the project to construct a great municipal park at Rockaway Beach. One of these is Homer Folks, Secretary of the State Charities Aid Association.

"I am inclined to be very much in favor of the Coney Island plan," said Mr. Folks to-day. "If the property can be bought by the city at a reasonable price the idea will have my hearty support. Coney Island is more accessible than Rockaway to begin with, and it can be reached for the price of a single fare—another great consideration.

"What do you think of Comptroller Prendergast's contention that the city must devote its money and energy for the present to building schools and subways?" he was asked.

"If I thought a choice between building a seaside park and building schools and subways was involved," he replied, "I might have a good deal of sympathy with the Comptroller's views, but, as I see it, a choice is not necessary. The city in any case is not going to spend all its money at once for schools and subways—it will have to take time to catch up with the demand for both and spend money on them gradually. And, in the meantime, if it doesn't take this opportunity to snap up the Coney Island site it will have to pay a much larger amount later on for the same land or for some less desirable."

"Do you think the Dreamland site

Girl Who Swam Beside Gilbert Who Died Trying to Save Her Chum



LONDON, June 1.—It was only at the public inquest that the true story was revealed of how Sir William S. Gilbert, the famous opera librettist, came by his death last Monday. The facts have caused a profound sensation.

The evidence disclosed that Sir William was drowned by being seized with heart failure while trying to rescue a girl of seventeen years, whom, with a girl friend of the same age, he had invited to swim with him in his private swimming pool.

The two girls were named Preece and Emery. They live near the Gilbert home at Haddon, a London suburb. Both gave evidence at the inquest.

The girls said Sir William invited them to swim with him in the pool he had had constructed in his grounds, and they accepted.

Miss Preece said she got out of her depth and was sinking. She cried for aid, and Sir William swam hurriedly to her.

When he reached her he said, "Don't splash; put your hand on my shoulder."

As she did as he told her, Sir William suddenly sank, the girls sobbed.

It would be preferable to the one on Rockaway Beach."

NEED BOTH CONEY ISLAND AND ROCKAWAY BEACHES.

"We want both areas for seaside parks. The growth of the city will demand the double accommodation before long. The arguments work both ways. Some say the Rockaway works both ways, because there is more room there and land is less expensive, but what would have happened if the same argument had held good in the case of Manhattan and the Bronx? Why, the Bronx would have had all the parks because it had the cheap acres to spare, and Manhattan would have gone with out. We want a seaside park in Coney Island as well as on the barren reaches of Rockaway."

An examination of the tax books kept in the Municipal Building in Brooklyn to-day disclosed that there are thirteen property owners in the burned district of Coney Island. The total value last year of the real estate alone, between Fifth street, where Seaside Park now ends, and Tenth street, the western end of the burned area, and lying south of Surf avenue, is \$1,822,000. The five largest taxpayers and their realty assessments were as follows: Dreamland, \$250,000; Park & Coney Island Railroad Company, \$250,000; Mrs. Catherine A. Balmer, \$151,000; New York & Sea Beach Railroad Company, \$139,000; and John J. Scheidt, \$139,000. The remaining eight property owners are small merchants and corporations, whose improvements were entirely destroyed by fire.

Of course, the real estate valuations for this year are higher. They are on an average up 25 per cent. But it will be quite clear to the reader that it would not require a great amount of money to buy the property at a single time, and that if the present opportunity is not embraced there is no telling when the city will have such a chance again.

The present city administration, elected upon a reform platform, could do no better than to provide the ample park and sandy beach at Coney Island to be occupied on hot evenings by the wives and children of the poor, who have expended in carfare from their homes all they can afford to spend in recreation.

NO MAIL IF DOG'S UGLY.

Carriers Instructed Not to Deliver Letters at Perilous Homes.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—With the arrival of the hydrophobia season, notice was to-day sent to mail carriers in all cities that they need not deliver mail at homes where there are vicious dogs.

CHARGE AGAINST ROBIN'S SISTER IS DISMISSED

Bank Wrecker's Sentence Postponed Until Oct. 9, But He Stays in Cell.

The sentencing of Joseph G. Robin, the confessed bank looter, who has been of some aid to District Attorney Whitman in further prosecuting officials connected with bank failures, was adjourned to-day by Justice Seabury in the Supreme Court until Oct. 9. Justice Seabury dismissed an indictment for perjury against Robin's sister, Dr. Louise G. Robinovitch, on the application of District Attorney Whitman.

Robin was not admitted to bail, although his attorney, Samuel J. Goldsmith, argued at length for the Court's clemency. In asking the Court to postpone the Robin sentence and to dismiss the indictment against Robin's sister, Mr. Whitman said:

"We ask the Court for this adjournment in the interest of justice. We believe the testimony that the defendant has given and will give will be of great benefit to the people in pending cases, and for that reason the adjournment is asked. Although Dr. Robinovitch has been indicted for perjury, I am not sure that the evidence which my office has been able to collect will be sufficient to present to a jury and obtain a conviction."

When Lawyer Goldsmith stated that his client should be admitted to temporary freedom in view of Robin's great services to the State, Justice Seabury said:

"No; I think that disposition should not be made, although I think delay in sentence is proper. The defendant is remanded until Oct. 9."

Robin and his sister conferred with their counsel before Justice Seabury reached the bench. Dr. Robinovitch was dressed in mourning and her face was hidden by a heavy black veil. When the cases were in the hands of the Grand Jury both swore that their parents were in Russia.

The old people were discovered in a tenement and later were brought face to face with their supposed children in the Tombs. The parents reiterated their identification of Robin and his sister as their children. It was then that Dr. Robinovitch was indicted for perjury.

SHOT WITH VON PHIL.

WEALTHY MINER DIES.

Copeland Second Victim of Row Over Woman in Denver's Fashionable Hotel.

DENVER, Col., June 1.—George E. Copeland, a wealthy mining man of Victor, Col., who was shot by Harold P. Henwood a week ago when the latter killed S. Louis von Phil of St. Louis in the Brown Palace Hotel, died early to-day from the effects of his wounds.

Attending physicians believed that Copeland was out of danger until yesterday, when gangrene was noticed where a bullet had pierced the main artery of the thigh. Previously this wound had given every evidence of healing properly. Last night the physicians decided to amputate the leg in an effort to save their patient's life.

Copeland was in an condition to withstand the further shock of the operation, and death resulted in a few hours.

Henwood yesterday entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Von Phil, and June 3 was set for argument of his request to be admitted to bail.

DAY'S SUPPLY OF WATER ADDED BY RAINSTORM.

745,000,000 Gallons Go Into Reservoirs—\$100,000 for Bureau to Prevent Waste.

Commissioner Thompson of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, said to-day that 41 of an inch of water had fallen yesterday in the Croton watershed, and 12 inches in Central Park. The consequent addition to the city's water supply is estimated at 745,000,000 gallons.

While these figures appear large, Commissioner Thompson was careful to explain that they were inconsiderable when it is remembered that the city's water supply had dropped as much as 1,000,000,000 gallons in one week. The 745,000,000 gallons is a little more than one day's supply.

The Board of Estimate to-day appropriated \$100,000 to be used by Water Commissioner Thompson to employ 150 inspectors and twenty-five clerks to complete a bureau for the prevention of water waste. There are already 145 men on the eligible list of the civil service and these will at once be appointed. Examinations will now be held for additional men.

BROKER'S INJURIES IN AN AUTO SMASH CAUSE HIS DEATH

William Porter, Stock Exchange Member, Dies After to Days in Paterson Hospital.

William Porter, member of the Stock Exchange firm of Perkins, Erickson & Co., died to-day at the General Hospital, Paterson, N. J., from the effects of injuries received in an automobile wreck May 22. Mr. Porter was on his way from his country place, Foxcroft, which is forty miles distant in the Ramapo Mountains, when three miles from Paterson his machine overturned.

Three Wall street friends were with him at the time and the car was being sent along at a lively clip in order to land the party at Mr. Porter's office at No. 200 Fifth avenue at 5 o'clock. A wagon loaded with paving stones was in the way and the car was turned from the road to the grass. The soft soil made the machine slide into a pile of stones.

Mr. Porter was pinned under the machine. His friends ceased with slight injuries. He was taken to the Paterson Hospital with two broken legs, a fractured pelvis and a bad scalp wound. Dr. John Wyeth was hurriedly summoned from New York to attend him.

Mrs. Porter was returning from Paris at the time on the Louisiana. Her friends kept her in the dark as to the dangerous character of his injuries, and she did not know even upon landing at New York last Friday the real nature of his hurts.

Mr. Porter began his career thirty years ago in the office of a Louisville cotton broker. He later became connected with the National Tobacco Company and the American Tobacco Company, being salesmanager for the latter. He left the business for his Stock Exchange

connection in 1907, and on Feb. 16, 1908, married at the Plaza Hotel Mrs. Ruth Halliwell, widow of Charles R. Halliwell, first vice-president of the American Tobacco Company.

Mr. Halliwell dropped dead in the Holland House in 1907, shortly after his marriage to the woman who had, as trained nurse, cared for him through a long and dangerous illness.

First Man Hanged in County.
CLARION, Pa., June 1.—Clarion County had its first legal execution to-day when Vincent Voychek paid the

extreme penalty of the law for the murder of Andrew Stupka.

4,759,445 IN SCOTLAND.
Population Shows Smallest Increase in Census Since 1891.

LONDON, June 1.—Scotland has a population of 4,759,445, according to the provisional figures of the census made public to-day.

This is an increase over the 1901 census of 27,342 and is the smallest increase in any census since 1901.

**To-morrow, Friday
June Jubilee
Tub Frock Sale**
\$4 and \$5 Values... **\$2.98**

A bewildering variety of cool, dainty dresses for every hour in a woman's day, including morning dresses, "trot about" dresses, and pretty afternoon frocks, bearing this special June Jubilee price.

One Model Like Picture
As lovable as June roses, every one of them. The French gingham, particularly fascinating with their plain bias folds and dainty touches of lace. The lawns too are unusually charming—some affecting the new empire lines. Or perhaps you would prefer a white lingerie. If so, you'll find very dainty lace-trimmed models in this assemblage. No use in attempting to describe any of them. You must come.

SALE AT ALL THREE STORES

Bedell
14-16 West 14th Street—New York
460 and 462 Fulton Street—Brooklyn
645-651 Broad Street—Newark, N. J.

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DRESSES of Chambray, Gingham and Dimity 6 75
WASH SKIRTS in great variety 3.75, 4.50, 5.75

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